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NSF/NCST RELATIONSHIP AND SCIENCE COMMUNICATIONS
(BUCHAREST 4146 AND 3901). ACCORDING TO NSF, THE POSITION
PAPER ON ROMANIA IS STILL NOT FINAL, BUT THEY EXPECT IT
TO BE READY "SOON." AS FOR THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 11-12
REVIEW MEETING, NSF -- WITH GREAT RELUCTANCE, IT SEEMS --
PROMISED ON 6/22 TO POUCH TO EMBASSY AN INFORMAL SUMMARY
(NOT MINUTES) OF THOSE TALKS, WHICH IS PART OF THE DRAFT
POSITION PAPER. WITH REGARD TO FOGARTY LETTER ON
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, DR. QUINN WILL SEND JAY ANOTHER COPY.
HE ALSO PROMISES TO SEND CABLED REPORT ON BIOMEDICAL
WORKSHOP IN NEXT FEW DAYS. .

2. IASI JEWISH CHOIR (BUCHAREST 3849). WE HAVE SPOKEN
WITH SOLARZ' OFFICE AND WITH THE JEWISH WELFARE BOARD
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LECTURE BUREAU WHICH IS WORKING WITH SOLARZ AND THE
ROMANIAN EMBASSY TO BRING THE CHOIR TO THE UNITED STATES.
THERE WAS A MEETING LAST WEEK WITH FLOREA OF THE EMBASSY,
SOLARZ AND STEVE BAYER OF THE JWB AT WHICH FLOREA
APPARENTLY INDICATED THAT THE GOR MIGHT BE WILLING TO
PICK UP THE TAB (AROUND \$18,000) FOR INTERNATIONAL
TRANSPORTATION. BAYER IS FOLLOWING UP THIS MEETING WITH

A LETTER TO FLOREA AND HE WILL BE SENDING A COPY TO YOU WITH A COVERING NOTE. BAYER MAY WISH TO STOP OFF IN BUCHAREST IN LATE JULY SHOULD THE PLANS FOR THIS PROGRAM APPEAR TO BE FIRING UP. ALTHOUGH NO DATES HAVE BEEN SET, BAYER IS SUGGESTING NEXT SPRING AS THE BEST TIME FRAME.

3. REPRESENTATION LIST. YOU PROBABLY HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED SOME GUIDANCE SUPPLEMENTING OUR COMMENTS IN THIS CHANNEL. THIS REPRESENTS A COMPROMISE WORKED OUT WITH HA, WHICH INITIALLY WANTED TO GO MUCH FURTHER IN MAKING DECISIONS HERE IN WASHINGTON ON WHETHER OR NOT INDIVIDUAL CASES SHOULD BE ON THE REP LIST. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT IT SHOULD BE BASICALLY YOUR JUDGMENT WHETHER PERSONS ARE INCLUDED OR REMOVED, BUT WE AGREE THAT CAUTION IS REQUIRED TO AVOID DELETING THE WRONG PERSONS.

4. EARTHQUAKE TEAM. AID WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO RECEIVE ADVANCE WARNING OF THE DEPARTURE OF THE ROMANIAN EARTHQUAKE TEAM, ESPECIALLY DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS WHEN AID OFFICERS WHO WOULD WORK WITH THE TEAM WILL BE UNUSUALLY OCCUPIED WITH OTHER DUTIES OR ABSENT FROM WASHINGTON. THIS DOES NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT YOU SHOULD URGE THIS LONG-DELAYED EVENT BE POSTPONED.

5. TCP. YOU WILL HAVE NOTICED ROME'S REMINDERS TO US
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FOR APPROVAL OF LANGUAGE FOR A LETTER TO THE GOI ON THE ROMANIAN TCP PROGRAM. WE HAVE HELD OFF PENDING RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF INELIGIBLES, AMONG OTHER THINGS. WHAT IS YOUR BEST GUESS AT THIS POINT OF THE ANNUAL ROME TCP TOTALS UNDER THE NEW PROCEDURES?

6. CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY FROM WOLFF ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES IN ROMANIA. WE HAVE POUCHED TO YOU COPY OF LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN WOLFF REGARDING PERSECUTION OF BYZANTINE AND LATIN RITE CATHOLICS IN ROMANIA AND ASKED FOR EMBASSY COMMENTS. NO NEED TO DO EXTENSIVE RESPONSE. PLEASE CABLE US (IN THIS CHANNEL) ASAP ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE.

7. REPLACEMENT FOR CASTRO. IT HAS ALL BUT FORMALLY BEEN DECIDED THAT LYNN LAMBERT WILL NOT GO TO BUCHAREST AS COMMERCIAL ATTACHE. IN THIS SITUATION, THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES ARE CURRENTLY BEFORE US:

A. TO CHECK WHETHER THERE IS ANY CHANCE THAT JAY BURGESS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN GETTING A FSR COMMISSION. I WILL NOT GO INTO ALL THE ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST BECAUSE THEY

SEEM FAIRLY OBVIOUS. HOWEVER, BEFORE WE EXPLORE SERIOUSLY WHETHER THIS IS POSSIBLE FROM THIS END, GIVEN AN UNDERSTANDABLE RELUCTANCE TO BRING PEOPLE IN LATERALLY WHILE THERE ARE FSOS AVAILABLE FOR ASSIGNMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER JAY HAS ANY INTEREST IN A REGULAR ASSIGNMENT TO BUCHAREST THIS SUMMER.

B. THERE ARE TWO AVAILABLE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS. BOTH ARE IN THE BIOGRAPHIC REGISTER, RESTRICTED EDITION. THE TWO CANDIDATES ARE DONALD MCNALLY AND THOMAS CARTER. THERE IS NOT MUCH I CAN ADD TO THE BIO INFORMATION EXCEPT THAT MCNALLY HAS 3 PLUS AND 4 IN SPANISH. IF BURGESS HAS NO INTEREST IN HAVING US EXPLORE A FSR COMMISSION FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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HIM, WE THEN HAVE THE CHOICE OF ASSIGNING MCNALLY OR CARTER WITHOUT ROMANIAN LANGUAGE TRAINING OR OF HAVING ONE OF THEM TAKE THE 20 WEEK COURSE BEGINNING IN AUGUST. IN THE LATTER INSTANCE, THE POST WOULD TAKE A FIVE MONTH GAP, BUT IN THE FORMER YOU WOULD HAVE A BODY AND COULD PRESUMABLY TEACH HIM ROMANIAN AT THE POST IF YOU GAVE HIM TIME TO LEARN IT DURING OFFICIAL HOURS. WE ARE OBVIOUSLY IN A SITUATION WHERE NO DECISION IS EASY. PERSONNEL IS DISCUSSING THIS ASSIGNMENT PROBLEM ON JUNE 28, AND WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO PASS ON ANY THOUGHTS YOU MAY HAVE, PRELIMINARY OR OTHERWISE. VANCE

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